

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon (Ernakulam-Women): May I know what harm is there in recording their impressions when they visit the hospitals?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer): None at all.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan (Ezhuvas-Kanayannur): Will they be allowed to record their impression whenever they go to the hospitals hereafter?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer): That means the office will have to be left open always. If one honorary visitor takes to his head to visit a hospital at 7 O'clock or 8 O'clock, the office will not be open, the Civil Surgeon may be otherwise engaged and it will be difficult to get the book. Ordinarily, I don't see any difficulty at all.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan (Ezhuvas-Kanayannur): If they visit during office-hours, will they be allowed to write down their impressions then and there?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer): Of course, they can.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan (Ezhuvas-Kanayannur): Do the Government concede that they have got the right to ask for the book to record their impressions? I want to make it clear and definite.

Mr. President: The time for questions and answers has expired.

GENERAL HOSPITAL—X-RAY APPARATUS—SUPPLY OF

23. Mr. A. B. Salem (Mattancheri): Will Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) what stage has been reached in the attempts to supply Maximar "250" Shockproof Deep X-Ray Therapy Apparatus and Superficial Intermediate Therapy Apparatus;

(b) whether any individual or society have given or promised any money contribution towards the purchase of these plants for the General Hospital X-Ray Department; if so, the amounts so given or promised;

(c) will Government be further pleased to state their estimate of time within which these plants will become available for relief to be given to those who need such X-Ray treatment?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):

(a) Quotation has been called for from Messrs. Victor X-Ray Corporation (India) Ltd. Bangalore City.

(b) Yes. Rs. 15,000 have been promised.

(c) No definite information can be furnished now.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS TREATED IN HOSPITALS

24. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what is the number of in-patients treated in the various Allopathic hospitals and dispensaries in the State;

(b) what is the number of nurses employed in all the institutions in (a)?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese (Chief Medical Officer):

(a) As the period for which the information asked for is not specified no definite answer can be given.

(b) (Appendix IV.)

25. Mr. K. Narayana Menon (Mulakunnathukavu): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Anthikkad had not an out-post police station attached to the cusba;

(b) whether the Sub-Inspector or station house officer in charge of the cusba station is expected to visit and stay at the out-post at least every fifteen days?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur (Commissioner of Police): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Mr. President: I have received four notices asking for leave to adjourn the business of the House. Two of these notices relate to the recent action taken by Government in connection with certain bodies, in Anthikad. I have disallowed these motions as in my opinion they cannot be moved consistently with public interest.

I have received notice from Mr. Bhaskara Menon asking for leave to adjourn the business of the House to discuss an urgent matter of public importance to wit the recent fixing of prices